DAQ Consortium Update

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DAQ Scope

Basic functions

- Synchronise and receive digital data from all FD sub-detectors
- Buffer all data pending a trigger decision without information loss
- Form 'trigger primitives', summarising localised observed activity
- Make local, then regional, then global trigger decisions
- Select space & time ranges of data, relay them to permanent storage
 - Meaning: across the WAN to FNAL and other off-site computing centres
- Option: carry out further data selection / refinement before transfer
- What's different and interesting about DUNE?
 - System has to be extremely flexible 'permanent commissioning' mode
 - There are special requirements from the physics e.g. SNB data buffer
 - Hard-to-access location: reliability and full remote operation are essential
 - Relatively short time scale to design and build an (up to) 50Tb/s system







DAQ in the CUC ~ few km fibres to surface **DAQ** Lives Here

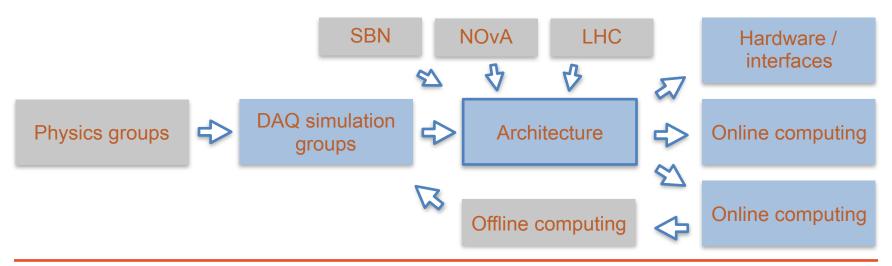
- ... eventually, after design / prototype / construction / deployment
- But not *just* here also surface elements, remote operations





DAQ Consortium

- Around 30 institutes in Europe, Japan, South America, US
 - Healthy level of participation: >50 active individuals, and growing weekly
- Divided into parallel working groups for the ante-TP era
 - Architecture / hardware & interfaces / computing / data selection / infrastructure and facilities
 - Plus ongoing DAQ simulation group, as our contact point to physics requirements
- Two productive workshops in our six months of existence
 - The division of long term interests / resources is becoming more clear
 - The Technical Proposal process has helped us to organise and find roles







Top-Level Requirements

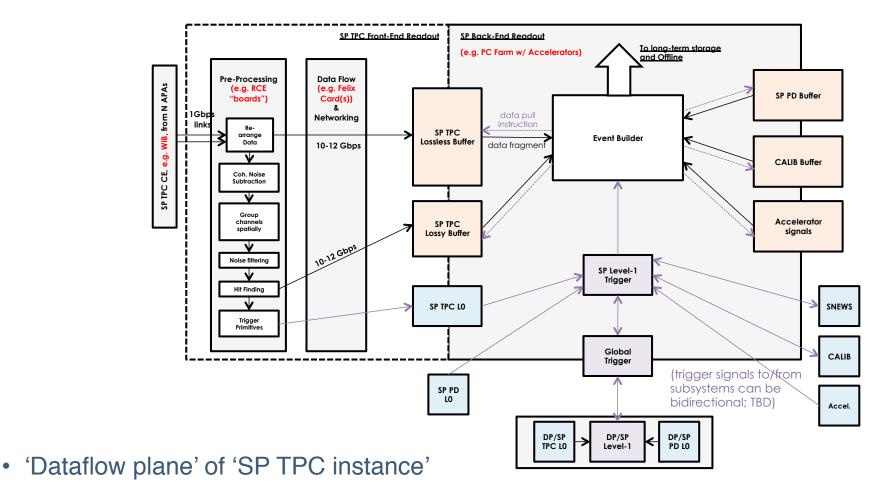
- Single, scalable system for all detector modules
- Synchronisation to 10ns (within module) / 1us (between modules)
- Capable of buffering full raw data for 10s of seconds
- Zero deadtime under normal conditions (including SNB)
- Sufficient data reduction to achieve a maximum 30PB/year storage target
 - For four detector modules, asymptotically but allow for this from day one
- Conform to physics-driven data selection requirements
 - >99% eff. for beam v with Evis > 100MeV
 - >99% eff. for atmos. ν , nucleon decay, cosmic rays, with Evis > 100MeV
 - >90% eff. for galactic SNB, >90% eff. for triggered SNB ν with Evis > 10MeV
 - <10% of total data volume arising from SNB false trigger rate
- Conform to experiment infrastructure / integration requirements
- Many lower-level technical requirements; under review in lead-up to TDR







Dataflow Outline



- There are also control, trigger command and fast control planes
- Each plane partitionable at detector element level for commissioning, debugging and tests





Key Interfaces

- All interfaces now agreed, formally documented, subject to change control
 - In some cases well-defined technical options exist, final selection in TDR
- DAQ lives entirely in CUC, galvanically isolated from detectors
- Dual-phase electronics (TPC + photons)
 - Compressed raw data samples on commercial optical 40GBE / 100 GbE
- Single-phase electronics
 - Photons: similar arrangement to DP, ideally use similar protocol and format
 - TPC: uncompressed raw data, at 1Gb/s or 10Gb/s optical, custom protocol
- Timing and synchronisation (single timing domain across all detectors)
 - GNSS → CERN White Rabbit → PDTS (SP) or uTCA backplane (DP)
- Offline computing
 - ▶ Data handover point is WAN link to FNAL; ~300TB (3 day) buffer handles fluctuations, outages
- Conventional facilities, slow control, etc
 - Baseline requirements for underground and surface elements of DAQ now documented
 - Details will evolve as final hardware / computing design is finalised towards TDR







Agreed Design Principles

- A single, scalable system across all detectors
 - Allows use of common components, cross-triggering possibilities
- Capable of recording and storing full detector information
 - Invaluable for both detector studies / commissioning and physics
- Sized with significant conservatism for first module
 - Fixed infrastructure (e.g. power, network) sized for four modules from start
 - Allows a large safety factor in first year of running, when things are most uncertain
 - Keep all data selection decisions as simple as possible, at the expense of selectivity
 - As we learn about detector performance, will be able to be more selective
 - Where data reduction is needed, emphasise trigger cuts rather than zero suppression
 - Always keep the possibility to add data processing capacity if needed (e.g. L2 cluster)
- Criteria for design choices:
 - Robustness → Scalability → Ease of deployment and commissioning → Ease of design and construction → Operation costs → Capital costs
 - These will guide our choice of technical solutions for the TDR







Key Decisions before TDR

- Noise assumptions for sub-detectors
 - What are reasonable assumptions? What are the worst-case assumptions? ProtoDUNE...
- Final data rate to offline computing; DAQ parameters for SNB physics
- Physical location and arrangement of DAQ system
 - For now: split system at event builder, small surface computing, but full surface / remote ops
 - Limited data (<100Gb/s) up shaft, preserve possibility to send substantially more data
- Real-time filtering / compression / trigger primitive generation
 - How much functionality in FPGA firmware, how much in CPU / GPU ('software-centric system')?
- RAM buffer and non-volatile buffer implementation
 - > >10s trigger latency buffer, at least this much NVM. Custom hardware, or commodity computing?
- Slice test strategy and location
 - Where are our bases of operations for test, integration and burn-in in 2019? In 2020? In 2021?
- We have 'working baseline models' for almost all of these questions
 - Fully expect to challenge these via further phase of R&D, leading to demo systems by early 2019
 - Final baseline will be decided pre-TDR, via collaboration review







Schedule







Pre-TDR Milestones

- M1 (Dec 2017) Interface documents complete (DONE)
- M2 (Jan 2018) Functional specifications complete (DONE)
- M3 (Mar 2018) Cost and infrastructure requirements complete
 - ▶ 90% done not in TP, but ready for corresponding cost documents
- M4 (Mar 2018) Technical Proposal
- M5 (Aug 2018) Preliminary (internal) review of TDR baseline
- M6 (Oct 2018) First prototype HW / FW / SW available
- M7 (Nov 2018) TDR structure and institute responsibilities defined
- M8 (Jan 2019) Slice demonstrators complete
- M9 (Feb 2019) Full (external) review of TDR baseline
- M10 (Mar 2019) Technical Design Report







Risks and Concerns

- 1. Insufficient expert personnel to conduct and support project
 - This is a large and complex system, need commitments from many experts
 - Strategy: consolidate and expand consortium during R&D phase we need more people
- 2. Detector noise specifications not met
 - Strategy: provide horizontal (more processors) and vertical (more stages) scalability
- 3. Excess SNB trigger rate from instrumental effects
 - Strategy: leave provision for L2 post-event builder processing
 - Could include full or partial event reconstruction with induction planes
- 4. Calibration requirements grossly exceed offline data rate
 - Strategy: near-line analysis for calibration in L2 cluster
- 5. Power / space requirements exceed CUC capacity
 - Leave provision for all data to be shipped to surface
 - Will require WDM on fibres technically feasible, but expensive
- 6. Technical complexity results in lack of robustness
 - Strategy: carefully defined demonstrator projects at increasingly scale







Response to Recommendations

- 2017-150: DUNE management should ... identify any additional need in the effort, tasks and expertise ... directed to the ProtoDUNE-SP DAQ group.
 - ProtoDUNE-SP DAQ technically outside DAQ consortium
 - BUT: Convergence of ProtoDUNE and DUNE FD DAQ clearly essential in 2018
 - New DAQ collaborators are strongly motivated to learn from ProtoDUNE
 - This is key goal of the demonstrator programme, centred at CERN
- 2017-151: Lessons learned from ... protoDUNE should be formally documented in real time..."
 - Large overlap between active ProtoDUNE and DUNE FD DAQ personnel
 - Need for (living) documentation reinforced with ProtoDUNE leadership
- Demonstrator programme will be closely coupled to, and a seamless transition from, ProtoDUNE
 - i.e. continuation of ProtoDUNE facilities beyond 2018 essential part of DAQ project







Summary

- In the last six months:
 - Inaugurated a strong and growing DAQ consortium
 - Developed a baseline DAQ architecture for all modules
 - Identified potential technical solutions to be carried to next R&D stage
 - Including a fully documented design, based on ProtoDUNE, also basis for costs
 - Established draft WBS & schedule, began assigning responsibilities
- What's ahead of us:
 - Deliver the Technical Proposal now in end game
 - Agree R&D / demonstrator plan for the pre-TDR phase achieved
 - Convergence and overlap with ProtoDUNE during 2018 is a project requirement
 - Make key decisions, based on clear process and criteria
 - Deliver Technical Design Report with a full construction plan
 - Continue to build world-class team around a challenging project







Backup

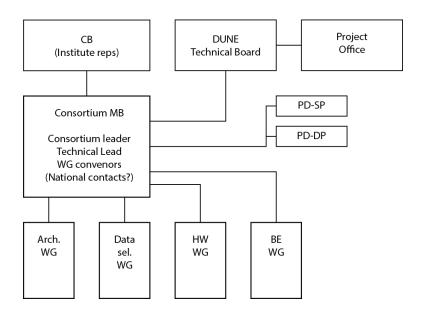






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Costs Snapshot

• These numbers are not public, and explicitly subject to change

	SP	DP	Common	Total
Fibres	740.9237	132.8	0	873.7237
Hardware	4064	0	0	4064
FE computing	978.5	710	0	1688.5
BE computing	203	116	2	321
Service computing	45	45	6	96
Timing	95.78	0	24.4	120.18
LAN	82	106	5	193
Facilities	105.6	105.6	245.4	456.6
	6314.8037	1215.4	282.8	7813.0037





Data Selection Context

- Dominant sources of `signal':
 - ► Radiologicals (³⁹Ar, ⁴²Ar, ²⁰⁸Tl, ²¹⁰Tl, ²²⁴Rn...)
 - Cosmic Rays (~4500/day in 10 ktonne)
 - Front-end calibrations
 - Radioactive source calibrations
 - Laser source calibrations
 - Detector noise and other anomalies
- Operating principles:
 - Minimise potential bias to data
 - Want to accept anything that is noticeably different from noise or radio-accidentals
 - Be as simple as possible
 - Be as flexible as possible







Data Selection Concept: SP TPC

- Form decisions hierarchically
 - Local view (per APA?), collection wires only extract summary data
 - ▶ Module view, i.e. of whole SP TPC find statistical signatures
 - Global view: bring together information from SP TPC / PD, DP TPC / PD, external
 - This is where the 'event' (i.e. contiguous range of data in space / time)is defined
- Data ranges what is the simplest thing we can do?
 - ▶ For most events: keep entire detector for ~2 drift times
 - For SNB, stream entire detector to NVM for `extended period'
 - Implies memory system with sufficient bandwidth to keep up
 - Keep primitives continuously for sub-threshold sensitivity
- Much more sophistication is clearly possible, and in the end necessary
 - We will bring this into play as we learn more about our detector
- We now need a corresponding strategy for other sub-detectors







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Data Volumes

Source	Annual Data Volume/ 10 kt	Assumptions
Beam interactions	20 TB	700 vs+700 dirt μ s; everything read out for 5.4 ms (no ZS); 10 MeV threshold in coincidence with beam time; include cosmics
Cosmics (+atmospherics) Scheme 1	10 PB	All wires in 5.4 ms window around HE event
Radiologicals	< 1 PB	Weighting scheme for SN bursts and other LE events; dump all 10 s for each burst trigger; tune fake rate to be < 100/year.
Front-End cals	200 TB	Worst case of measuring every single ADC bin with 100 measurements/point; four times/year
Radioactive source cals	100 TB	Source rate < 10 Hz; only one APA readout; PDS is negligible; full readout window per tag; no ZS
Laser cals	200 TB	$1x10^6$ total laser pulses; tight ZS for both induction and collection; $\frac{1}{2}$ of all wires in TPC illuminated
Random Triggers	60 TB	Same as cosmics scheme; rate is 45/day
Trigger Primitives	< 2 PB	Only collection wires; 12 b/primitive; 4 primitive types; ³⁹ Ar dominates;

- 30PB/year (asymptotically) plausible of equal importance, we have knobs to adjust
- 'Conservative' sizing allows >10PB/year in year #1 as needed
- Refinement of estimates an active process, continuous interaction with physics







SNB Fake Rate vs Coverage

